# Remarkable Struggles for Baseball Pennants in 1908 Being Reenacted With New Clubs in Leading Roles

## RACES OF 1908 COUNTERPARTS OF 1916 DASHES

Major League Pennants Again May De Decided on Final Day of Season."

## REVIEW OF STRUGGLES THAT MADE HISTORY

### BY SHORTSTOP.

The remarkable pennant chases in the National and American Leagues this fall have a striking resemblance to the famous campaign of 1908, the closest races in all baseball history. It is doubtful if baseball will ever see two races like those of 1908 again, at least not for another generation. In each league the pennant was decided on the last day of the season. and right up to the wire three clubs were in the running. Then it is rather un-

In the running. Then it is rather unlikely that any body of baseball fans will ever go through the excitement that went with the famous playoff of the "Merkle game" on the Polo Grounds on October 8, 1998.

However, while no one expects to see all the scenes of 1908 recenated in the last days of the present schedules, the 1916 events promise to be the closest things we have had since that memorable was in baseball annuals.

while three of the American League contenders of 1908 are in the fight for this scason's flag, all of the important actors in the spirited finish of the 1908 National League race—Chicago, New York and Pittsburg—are now in the rut, and have only a passive interest in the present big doings. In their place three of the soft marks of 1998—Brooklyn. Boston and Philadelphia—are now the contenders. We might remark, however, for Joan McGraw's benefit, that the Phillies were not 4 soft mark with Harry Coveleskie in the box.

In the American League the con-tenders of 1908 were Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago and St. Louis, though just about this time eight years ago, as to-day, the Itowns started to lag behind and at the finish they were in fourth place, six and huish they were in fourth place, six and a half games behind the champion Detroits. Nevertheless, the Browns put Cleveland out of the race on the day preceding the end of the season. This season Detroit and Chicago again are contenders, but Boston is the third team with championship ambitions, instead of Cleveland. The Indians had had lots of early ambition this season, but none in recent weeks.

The only manager who took a part in the 1908 finishes who is a leading contender this fall is Hughie Jennings, the popular chief of the Tigers. With Bill lonovan pitching for him, the Tigers beat the White Sox for the pennant on the last day of the 1908 season. Perhaps history will repeat this season, and Uncle Hughie will win again, though if he had another Bill Donovan his chances would look much brighter.

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Sox in 1988, is now in charge of the
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as though the St. Louis Americans would had made Browns. At one time this year it looked as though the St. Louis Americans would had made his famous trade by which come from nowhere and win the pentant, but after their great midsummer drive they couldn't keep up the pace and fell by the wayside. However, Jones atill can make a lot of trouble. The Browns play one series with Boston and close the season with Detroit at home. If the race then is as close as it is now, perhaps Jones can get revenge for 1908.

Bill Carrigan, who is managing the Red Sox entry in the great 1916 Amer-ican League race, was a second string catcher with the Boston team in 1908. while Clarence Henry Rowland, the present manager of the crack White Sox team, was just branching out as a man-ager in the deep sticks, while his regular

mains of the old famous pennant trust of McGraw, Chance and Clarke. Mc-Graw again has built up a great club and may work a lot of havoe during the remainder of the season. He took a lot of pep out of the Phillies by recently beating them four straight, and 'he

Of the three 1916 managers against tooth and nail for the pennant, Pat Moran of Philadelphia was the only one directly interested in the close 1808 race. Pat was then second catcher on the Cubs, so he was vitally interested in that 1968 playoff game. Wilbert Robinson, the chubby manager of Brookiyn, undoubtedly sympathized with McGraw when he lost. However, Wilbert at that time was more interested in the Baltimore Eastern League leam, for which team he still did active service as catcher.

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## MANAGERS OF TEAMS WHO FOUGHT FOR FLAG IN 1908 CONTESTS AND THOSE IN THE LIMELIGHT THIS YEAR.



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McAleer Has Quit Game.

Nap Lajoie managed Cleveland in 1008, and was beaten for the pennant by four points. He is now utility infielder on the Athletics, while Jim McAleer, who maraged the Browns in 1908, has retired from baseball after making a mess of his job as president of the Red Sox in 1912 and 1913.

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Chance and Clarke Missing.

Frank Chance, manager of the 1905
Cub champions, who beat McGraw in the playoff game, is now managing the Los Angeles team of the Platific Coast League, after a year's retirement. Fred Clarke, manager of the Plttsburg team, which tied the Giants for second 'in 1968, voluntarily surrendered the reas of the Plrates last year, and so far has shown no desire to get back in the game.

Brason, and as they had had a highly successful Western trip in late August, and came home with a fine lead, it looked as if they would have an easy time to get in the World's Series. But both the Plrates and Cubs imitated a steemwoller on their last trip to the Assembler of the Plrates and Cubs imitated a steemwoller on their last trip to the Assembler of the Plrates and Cubs imitated a steemwoller on their last trip to the Assembler of the Plrates and Cubs imitated a steemwoller on their last trip to the Assembler of the Plrates and Cubs imitated a steemwoller on their last trip to the Assembler of the Plrates and Cubs imitated a steemwoller on their last trip to the Assembler of the Plrates and Cubs imitated a steemwoller on their last trip to the Assembler of the Plrates and Cubs imitated a steemwoller on their last trip to the Assembler of the Plrates and Cubs imitated a steemwoller on their last trip to the Assembler of the Plrates and Cubs imitated a steemwoller on their last trip to the Assembler on the Plrates and Cubs imitated a steemwoll on their last trip to the Assembler on the Plrates and Cubs imitated a steemwoll on their last trip to the Assembler on the Plantes on t

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## Pirates Pail on Last Day.

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this possibility did not occur, as the Glants won three straight, which brought with Tenney on first and Hersog on sectiem up to a tie for first place with the cubs.

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him for a triple to centre, though Sey-mour played the ball none too well. Kling singled Joe home with the tring run. Brown sacrificed, and after Sheek-

ard flied to Seymour Evers walked and Schulte and Chance doubled, the damage being four runs. That spilled the beans, as the best the Giants could get off

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pitched for St. Louis.

It was much the same situation Pitts-burg had booted away in the National League. Cleveland being through the situation dwindled down to Detroit and

fig. Waish and been pitching practi-cally all the Chicago games near the finish of the season, but Doc White had been effective against the Tigers, espe-cially against Cobb, and the veteran left hander was selected to oppose Smiling

### Donovan Wins for Detroit. The Sox never had a show, as Donovan

nine. The Tigers knocked White off the mound in less than an inning and won the great game easily by the score of Just as soen as the new Satis

playoff muddle and no scandal which followed it, as the attempt to bribe Johnston and Klem, the American League finish of 1908 was just as close League finish of 1908 was just as close and in many ways was a carbon copy of the stiering windup in the National League.

Dincen Stops Cleveland.

After the St. Louis Browns were climinated in middle September it remained a fight to the wire among Detroit, Chleago and Cleveland. The Tigers, who had been leading for quite a stretch, slumped in the batter part of September, and on September 21 Cleveland passed them, and Chleago, going great behind Walsh's remarkable pitcaing, also was making a whirlwind finish. It was during the final elimination bouts that Addie Joss won his famous to the foolish famous has been as tight as that the foolish famous are as tight as that the foolish famous are as tight as that has hunting the final elimination bouts that Addie Joss won his famous intehing duel from Ed. monitoned.

## **NEW PUBLIC LINKS NEAR GARDEN CITY**

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TO OPEN MEMORIAL DAY

If you are one of the thousands of golfers who were disappointed when the Salisbury links at Garden City were turned over last spring to the Cherry

Salisbury links at Garden City were turned over last spring to the Cherry Valley Club, which meant its closing down as a public course, you will be especially interested to learn that interests identified with the Garden City company are now building a longer and better Salisbury to take the place of the links that was the "old home course" to a large portion of New York's unattached golfers. Better in every way than any public course in this part of the world, the new Salisbury is planned to provide every feature of the finest private golf clubs for visitors to New York and for those residents who have no private club memberships. It is planned to open the new links next Memorial Day.

Sixty-two hundred yards long, and covering a splendid rolling country that provides many natural hazards, the new course is so planned that all clusses of golfers will enjoy playing on it. While it offers many opportunities for the expert golfer to display his skill, it permits the average golfer to play an enjoyable game. Devereux Emmett is building the course, and for his plan has drawn on his experience as builder of the two older Garden City links, the Schenectady. Huntingdon Country and Glenwood Country courses, and on what he has learned from inspections of the principal courses throughout the world Assisting Mr. Emmett is George Coburn, a famous golfer from Scotland, who has been well up in the champtonshins there. As a site for the new Salisbury the builders have selected a large tract in the Meadow Brook Culty. On the west the course is separated from the Meadow Brook Cult property by Whaleneck avenue. On the north it is bounded by the Long Island Railroad; on the east by the Beimmer and Westbury road, and on the south by Fulton street. It is here that the Hempstead Plains are most undulating and the ground most adaptable to golf. The great charm of the new Salisbury links will be the entire absence of suburban stead Plains are most undulating and the ground most adaptable to golf. The great charm of the new Salisbury links will be the entire absence of suburban surroundings, for all about it are the wide open, wind swept and unstabled plains like Muirfield or Guilane Hill.

## Course to Be Severe Test.

One of the principal merits of the to cality is the remarkable golf soil, we never gets hard and never gets. It is the same soil that has made fare City the golf centre of the East, a gin prairie sod that never has ploughed. The course house more severe test of not than the Salisbury links. It littlews the variand bluffs that intersect the plains, ming interesting and diversified with as many natural ingards as will be found very sports and the will be found very sports and the ing. One is a mashie shot of 155 and one an iron of 160 yards, one a few shot of 200 yards, and one a ful dry or brassie shot. There are \*x boles where a brassie must be used.

or brassle shot. There are six loss where a brassle must be used on the sound shot even by long hitters.

From the tees there is always a place for a good lie for the next shot that as be reached by the shortest drives privided the ball is played straight from the possible to get the hole in particular, and taking such a lipe. The man who essays to get the hole in par must take a different direction from the tee. There will be a very easy carry from every teet in very easy carry from every tee it a east tain direction to enable women and beginners to play a ball to a place where it can be hit again on a good ite. The putting greens are large and a dulating and are being constructed a

splendid clubhouse overlooking the fi-shop and the starter's hox Chicago a Beron Chicago and Chicago and the starter's hox. The chicago and the starter's hox. The chicago and white his by Walsh. It by Smith. It has seen and connoily the open all year. A first class rosts rant will be under the same management as the old Salishury clubhouse. See a accommodations for women at the clubhouse as attractive for them as the finest private club. the finest private clubs.

### Putting Green in Courtyard. The great central courtyard is to te

situation dwindled down to Detroit and Chicago, who were scheduled to play on the last day of the season has contained by the Sox could beat Detroit they could win the pennant two points ahead of Cleveland, while a defeat would plunge them into third place. The Tigers had to win to hold their slender lead, as a victory would give them a half game margin on Cleveland.

The game was as much an event in Chicago as the playoff in New York two days later, and everybody who could be pushed into Comiskey's old wooden stand was squeezed in. But it was a bitter pill for Commy and his loyal frans.

Ed Walsh had been pitching practically all the Chicago games near the finish of the season, but Doc White had ceive special treatment. It will have a large circular putting green of eighter holes. Accessibility was one of the pro-cipal reasons for the selection of the site

All golfers will be welcomed to the ex-Salisbury links, but it is especially for translent and unatta help of No introduction or child members of be necessary. It is proposed \$1 a day for all days except Sundays and holidays with charge will be \$2 Weekly